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Re application of:

Clemens SCHMICK et al.

Appl. No. 09/785,508

Filed: February 20, 2001

For: APPARATUS FOR
TRANSPORTING STREAMS OF
TOBACCO PARTICLES AND THE
LIKE

Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez

Atty. Docket No. 31512-168975

Customer No.



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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Amendment and Reply

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Box Amendments
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated November 18, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply.

No extensions of time are required. **(Federal offices were closed February 18, 2003 due to increment weather.)** One new independent claim in excess of three has been added. Please charge \$84.00 to Deposit Account No. 22-0261. Any required fee or fee deficiency is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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